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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 and 15-36 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 26-29, 30-32 and 36 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dombrowski, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,790,828). In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 16-22 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilkes, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,743,888). Still further, the Examiner has rejected claims 2, and 23-25 under § 103 as being unpatentable over Dombrowski, et al. and further in view of Cameron (U.S. Patent No. 5,197,954). Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 33-35 under § 103 as being unpatentable over Dombrowski, et al. and further in